



Fingerprints

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Farewell to a Sweet Friend to the museum * Charity Golf Tournament



When you run an operation, if you're lucky, you have volunteers whose smile lights up everything they do. GE Elfun Jim Shuck was one of those. He's up in heaven now, smiling down on us and the many exhibits he built. Rest well, friend. Our thanks to the Elfun's who donated in his memory.

We also want to say a special thanks to all the great community folks who donated their time and their services to our annual Spring School Break Week programs as follows: Dan Trevisani & the Utica Fire Dept for Kids Fire Safety; Christina Buschmann for Yoga for Kids;

Joe Ruggerio & the Utica Police Dept for Kids Safety; Sheriff Dan Middaugh & the Oneida County Bike Patrol w/ Kids Bike Safety; and Lite 98.7 / WLZW Program Director Eric Miller. Great educational enjoyable programs!

We'd also like to give a huge thanks to Chair Steve Genett & the TW Conroy Appraisal Team for the great job they did with our Antique Roundup Appraisal Fair. Nextsar Broadcasting videotaped the program, to air soon on Utica.tv.

Next time you visit us, notice the neat signage throughout our four

floors, pointing out the 60 Pavilions that hold our 1,000's of hands-on exhibits. They were created and designed by Proctor High's Academy A. Coming soon from our collaboration with them, Robots the kids can interact with!

If you haven't done so yet, register with us or with Chair John Snyder for our June 12th Charity Golf Tournament, to be held this year at Cedar Lake Club (flyer is enclosed w/ pricing information). This fun event benefits our museum. More information on website: www.museum4kids.net

The Children's Museum
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Visit us on the web:
www.museum4kids.net

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~ Honor the Past & Pave the Future ~ Commemorative Brick Project Debuts Soon!

PROUD PARENTS
CONGRAT'S TO
JOHN DOE '03

Coming soon - the initial laying of the bricks in the Children's Museum Commemorative Brick Sidewalk Project. The ceremony will honor the Charter members.

To join this elite group, purchase personalized engraved bricks for the paved sidewalk

in front of the museum, to commemorate your support for our community treasure. Only \$75. apiece, each brick holds 14 characters per line, up to 3 lines. Form available in museum or on our website.

To date, here are our Brick Charter members: Joan Shkane Esq, Dr. Nancy Shaheen, M & R Heating, Dr.

Philip Reitz, Steven Genett, Northern Safety, Dr. Leo Sullivan, Dr. Anthony/Carol Mandour, Garro Utica Drugstore, Bader Reynolds, Don & Linda Dresher, Nicholas Calogero Jr, Mukesh Shah, John Stephenson, Mackie & Les Kernan, Dr. Demetrios Skamas, Joanne Torchia, Marlene Brown.

VOLUNTEER: Donate your services & exhibits, offer your talents, volunteer your time, bring your kids, family, your group to the only Children's Museum in Central NY, Help make a difference in your community by becoming part of a wonderful legacy that will live on long after we're gone! Contributions to The Children's Museum are tax deductible.



Director's Report: What Would We Do Without Our Supporters * Commemorative Brick Project Growing * Summer Lineups Coming



We continue our renovations and new exhibits, delighting our visitors. None of this would be possible without those of you who support us. I recently received a check from an anonymous donor with the message: "Use where you most need it." My response: "Bless you, bless you. For helping the children, bless you."

Want more fun days? Register for our 6/12 Annual Golf Tournament. Plan to come to our 7/14 & 7/15 Folk Art Festival, our 8/4 Int'l Halls of Fame Induction & 8/25 Vino/Ale/

Art Baggs Square Luau!

Thanks to those who are supporting our Commemorative Brick Project, to Proctor High School's Academy's A & C for the collaborative projects we're doing with them, and to all our volunteers.

Thanks to our Board members who continue for their support.

We're proud of our 1,000's of exhibits designed for educationally enjoyable experiences for kids 1 to 101 at the only children's museum adopted by NASA/Science Office.

Our dozens of NYS Curriculum Enrichment Programs are offered to educators from Pre-K & Day-care to Schools & Scouts. Groups book field trips, grandparents/families enjoy outings, & parents book children's birthday parties.

Groups gain admission to CM's 4 floors of interactive exhibits & may opt for educator's program. Bag lunches can be eaten in our kitchen & pre-ordered food is available in our Cafe. View more on web: www.museum4kids.net/



There's Always a Fun Rainbow at CM

Happy children grow up to be happy adults, who are more likely to stay & support the community they grew up in. CNY's only Children's Museum — a safe, fun, learning environment— is a definite asset to the Mohawk Valley, one all residents can be proud of and utilize to its highest capacity. One of the oldest Children's Museum's in the country, we're continuing renovations and new exhibits.

What better place to bring * your students on a field trip * scouts to earn a badge * family for a great day out * children for a fun time * grandchildren to enjoy * group for a tour * association for a meeting? 1st floor, children 4 & under enjoy PlaySpace & our life-size wooden train, while older children enjoy Main Street Exploration. 2nd floor all enjoy our Longhouse, Karaoke, Diorama, Erie Canal & Dinorama. 3rd floor, Our Cute Critters, Interactive Train & Lego exhibits, Int'l Halls of Fame, Radio & Weather Rooms. 4th floor, Fire & Police artifacts/exhibits, Airplanes, Hot Wheels, intriguing NASA & Science exhibits.

CM Board of Directors

Officers: Betsy Snyder Esq., Dan Trevisani, John Stephenson, Rebecca Schafer, Patrick Quinn Esq. *Directors:* Linda Dresher, Steven Genett, Anna Giacobbe, David K. Griffith, Brian Healey, Jennifer Herzog, Rosalynn Lemel MD., Terri Palmiero, Noreen Roubian, Joe Ruggiero, Kathy Slocum, Joan T. Shkane Esq., John Snyder Esq., Margaret Splain.
CM Director & Staff: Executive Director Marlene B. Brown; *Staff:* Christie Hubbard, Dan Kazmierski, Don Zyga. *Volunteer:* Exhibits Mgr & Birthday Party Host Earl Lewis.

Become A CM Hero: Corporate Sponsor; Donor; Volunteer; Wish List



We welcome volunteers. There's no greater reward than helping the children.

How can you help? You can assist with scheduled activities, offer a program in your area of talent or interest, help keep the museum shipshape, or help by donating to Our wish list: toys in good shape, exhibit items, art supplies, educa-

tional items of value. These will give you a renewed sense of pride as *we continue to serve the children, our future.*

A Corporate Membership is a positive way to impact the community. Our *levels of corporate sponsors* include a \$250 T-Rex, a \$500 Velociraptor, a \$1,000 Brontosaurus, a \$2,000 Triceratops, a \$5,000 Diplodocus,

& a \$10,000 Oviraptor. We value your donations & support.



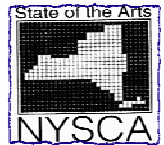
Our 43rd Anniversary Campaign is underway to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes (check back page)*. Please show your thanks by investing in their products/services.

Check out our Sponsors & Donors page on our website & join them!

May '06 Calendar

Check online calendar for updates

Made possible with funds from the NYS Council on the Arts and the many sponsors who support the Children's Museum's Youth Education Enrichment Programs and Exhibits.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4-30 <i>Closed</i>	5-1 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	5-2 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	5-3 <i>Closed</i>	5-4 11a/2p Puppet Story/ Paint & Design	5-5 11a / 2p Crafty Creations	5-6 Legos, Space Science, Caring for our Critters, D-J's
5-7 <i>Closed</i>	5-8 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	5-9 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	5-10 <i>Closed</i>	5-11 11a/2p Puppet Story/ Paint & Design	5-12 11a / 2p Crafty Creations	5-13 Legos, Space Science, Caring for our Critters, D-J's
5-14 <i>Closed</i>	5-15 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	5-16 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	5-17 <i>Closed</i>	5-18 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	5-19 11a / 2p Crafty Creations	5-20 Legos, Space Science, Caring for our Critters, D-J's
5-21 <i>Closed</i>	5-22 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	5-23 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	5-24 <i>Closed</i>	5-25 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	5-26 11a / 2p Crafty Creations	5-27 Legos, Space Science, Caring for our Critters, D-J's
5-28 <i>Closed</i>	5-29 11a / 2p Music 4 Munchkins / Craft Fun	5-30 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	5-31 <i>Closed</i>	6-1 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	6-2 11a / 2p Crafty Creations	6-3 Legos, Space Science, Caring for our Critters, D-J's
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Join the many educators, families & groups who book *birthday parties and educational field trips* at the Children's Museum! Check our website, call us at 315-724-6129, visit us in person. Here's some of what you'll find: *1st floor* - Play Space, Exploration Space, Saturn, Tea Room, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Trains; *2nd floor* - Musical Stage, Iroquois Longhouse, History Diorama, Fossils, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - Science Room, Animals & Insects, Legos, Computers, Arts & Crafts, Weather Room, Int'l Halls of Fame; *4th floor* (open 11:30a-12:00p, 1:00-1:30p & 2:30-3:00pm) Airplanes, Fire & Police Dept. exhibits, NASA exhibits, Office of Science exhibits, Carriage & Buggy exhibits, Hot Wheels Hall.

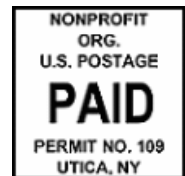
Check enclosed Flyer & Online Calendar for 2006 events: www.museum4kids.net Including our June 12th Golf Tournament; July 14th & 15th Folklore Festival; Aug. 4th Int'l Halls Fame induction; our Aug. 25th VINO/ALE/ART Hawaiaian Luau in Baggs Square Park; & our Dec. 43rd Anniversary Gala

Contact Info:

The Children's Museum of History,
Natural History, Science & Technology,
311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501
T: 315-724-6129 www.museum4kids.net

Museum Hours: Open Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday 9:45am to 3:45pm;
Open Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm
Closed Wed. & Sun. & some holidays. Open
most school holidays - check online calendar.

Admission: \$7.50 for adults & children;
Members + under 1 year Free (*reduced
member fee for some events*).



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Important Info in our May 2006 Issue

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CM's Heroes & Heroines: *they continue to make a difference.*

* Congressman Sherry Boehlert * NYS Senator Ray Meier * NASA * Office of Science * Roger Sinnott
* Herk/Oneida Co Community Foundation * National Grid * Oxford Imaging * Homogenous Metals Inc.
* Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito * Utica Mayor Tim Julian * Co Exec Joe Griffo * D.A. Michael Arcuri
* Councilwoman Teresa Wojnas * Utica Fire & Police Dept's * Dr. Nancy Shaheen * Mark Scheidelman
* Met Life Foundation * Gannett Foundation * Con Med * Partners Trust * RigAll: Patty & Rusty Williams
* Princeton Lab * Connie Grube * Ted Kibiuk * Sandi Burrows-Schmidt * Smiley the Clown * T. W. Conroy
* MVCC's Ric Riccardo * Kim DesJardins Interiors * Associated Textiles * Ground Round New Hartford
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